(d) the action taken, if any, for fixing accountability for the same, including compensating the victims; and

(e) the details of actions initiated, if any, for cautioning the health authorities across the country with a view to eliminating use of defective kits and contaminated blood?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Reports have been received from State of West Bengal regarding alleged supply of expired and sub-standard blood testing kits by M/s Monozyme Ltd., Secunderabad. The matter was investigated by the Government of West Bengal, FIR has been filed and presently the matter is *sub judice*.

(c) There are no reports of identification of any person as a victim recipient of contaminated blood transfusion due to these defective test kits.

(d) and (e) An investigation was made by the West Bengal State AIDS Control Society and a FIR was lodged with Kolkata police. On the basis of FIR, arrests have been made by the police. Further police investigation is going on and balance kits have been seized by the police.

In view of the complaint received from West Bengal State AIDS Control Society, all State AIDS Control Societies have been directed to suspend proposals if any, to procure from Monozyme India Ltd. and to strictly follow guidelines and procedures laid down. Further, the Drugs Controller General (India) has been asked to investigate into the matter and take appropriate action under rules. All States have also been reminded of essential checks during the procurement procedure, use of kits and consumables and records to be maintained for diagnostic test performed in the blood banks in States/ UTs in the country.

Defective medical equipments in AIIMS

†333. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the medical instruments in various departments of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

AIIMS are lying in defective condition for the last few months/years including RFA instrument of Radiotherapy Department resulting in delayed availability of medical facility to the patients;

(b) whether it is a fact that various faculties of AIIMS lack coordination to a greater extent affecting adversely the medical treatment to patients; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, and the necessary steps being taken by Government to ensure smooth functioning of medical equipments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) According to AIIMS, there is no medical instrument lying in defective condition in the Institute including RFA instrument of Radiotherapy Department. All medical instruments are in working condition. The Head of Department concerned ensure that various facilities function effectively so that treatment to patients is not affected.

De-recognising of hospitals under CGHS panel

334. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have de-recognised a number of hospitals in Delhi and NCR and if so, what are reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government propose to review the list and grant recognitions to some more hospitals; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) In response to the tender floated in 2004 by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, applications from private hospitals/diagnostic centres for empanelment under CGHS for extending health services to CGHS beneficiaries were received and processed in the Ministry. The charges for consultations and other facilities have been fixed based on the rates quoted by different private hospitals/diagnostic centres. A revised package rates based on the lowest rates quoted by the applicants have been made effective from 1st November, 2006.